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[Quote from Pacatus](#)

As I read through this, I had to remind myself that [Cassius](#) is using the word “dogmatic” in the sense that the Hellenistic philosophers such as Epicurus did – not the sense of “characterized by or given to the expression of *opinions* very strongly or positively *as if* they were facts.” [Merriam-Webster] I think his comments about contemporary legal standards of proof are illustrative.

FWIW...

[Epicurean Sage - Declare their beliefs and not remain in doubt](#)

Hicks: He will be a dogmatist but not a mere sceptic; Yonge: he will pronounce dogmas, and will express no doubts; Mensch: He will assert his opinions and will...
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